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Website of the week
www.ilminsterlionsclub.co.uk

THE online home of Ilminster Lions has lots of information about club activities and fundraisers.

The Ilminster Lions have been raising funds for both local and international causes since 1976.

Online you can find information about club members, their roles and what they do.

It also features pages on the club's fundraising activities and where the money has gone.

During the last 30 years the club has raised more than £250,000 for a number of causes.

There are details about annual fundraising events such as the 10k run, summer fete and Christmas Bazaar.

You can also see photos from previous events and details of upcoming meetings.

So log on now and find out more about your local Lions club.

Crewkerne girls take to the hills

By Marion Draper

TWO women from Crewkerne will be putting their best feet forward on a very personal sponsored walk this month.

Caroline Woodhead and Kate Tryhorn will be walking a section of the South West Coastal Path on Saturday, Octpober 23rd and seeing how far they can get in 12 hours.

Walking for a friend with severe brain damage

Neither are seasoned hikers and will be starting at 7am in Charmouth, heading east and taking in the highest point on the Dorset coastline, Golden Cap, and finishing at 7pm,wherever they have got to by then (allowing for Mars bar breaks).

Kate wants to raise as much as she can to help Mark King, a friend who became a victim of bacterial meningitis which resulted in severe brain damage.

He lives at Glenside Manor, a rehabilitation hospital near Salisbury where funding for crucial equipment has been cut. Any money she can raise will be used to purchase a specially adapted hydro flex rehabilitation chair which will make him more comfortable on a daily basis and aid his progress.

She was inspired after Mark's brother cycled 100 miles but did not quite manage to raise enough and thought she should do something to help.

Not wanting to go alone, Kate asked her friend Caroline to join in the walk. She was happy to to do so and will be raising money for the Cots for Tots appeal at the hospital that helped her when her son was born.

Aiden was only 2lb 6oz when he arrived and thanks to the hard work of the staff at St Michael's Hospital in Bristol, he is now a happy eight-year-old.

The neonatal care unit cares for 6,000 babies a year from all over the south west of England and they launched their Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal Cots for Tots to raise £1million to buy four life-saving cots, a new intensive care suite and a family accommodation suite.

The coastal walk will be a warm up as she is planning to enter the London Marathon next April.

The pair have created a Facebook page and have already been pledged donations, for which they are grateful, and will post their progress on the day via their mobile phones.

◆ If any shops or businesses in town are willing to carry sponsor forms for them, they would be very grateful. To contact them, call Caroline on 0784 6109506 or by email cjwoodhead@live.co.uk

■ PLANNING THE ROUTE: Caroline Woodhead and Kate Tryhorn seeing how far they can go

CREWKERNE PEOPLE - *HELPING OTHERS*

Crewkernenews

Hospital tours at League of Friends annual meeting

THE LEAGUE of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital will be holding their 62nd annual general meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 7.30pm in the Outpatients' Department of the Hospital.

Extensive improvements have been made to the hospital over the last few months and if you wish to see these, tours will run from 7pm.

All members of the public are welcome to attend but only those who have paid the full annual subscription rate of £5 will be able to vote in the elections.

Record table-top sale at Henhayes

CREWKERNE Henhayes Centre volunteers would like to thank everyone who supported their table top sale in September.

A record number of tables ensured a successful day which increased donations for the community centre.

A raffle for vouchers for the Barleymow farm shop in Chard, was also a success and will be repeated this month at the next table top sale on Saturday, October 16th in the morning.

Band looking for new members

PHOENIX Brass Band are looking for new members. If you play a brass instrument and would like to join a band, contact Lynda Read 07814067532

Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights.

Kidzcraft returns

KIDZCRAFT will be back at Crewkerne Methodist Church on Saturday, October 16th. Fun and craft for children of all ages from 10am-12pm. Information from Abby 01460 240664.

Crewkernenews

Thieves raid feed firm

FURRINGDON Feeds at Broadshard, Crewkerne, was targeted by thieves in the early hours of Tuesday, September 28th.

The family run feed merchants was cleaned out of its supplies of pet foods, with large sacks of top brand dog foods being stolen. This was the second time the farm had been targeted and the owners were sure the method of operation meant they had been watched carefully.

They praised the police for their response in sending a forensic team to the incident and hope there will be information that leads to arrest. If anyone saw suspicious behaviour in the area or has been offered pet food by an unusual source.

Contact the Police on 0845 4567000 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Police post open

CREWKERNE Police post will be open today (Friday October 8th) at the Aqua centre from 5-6pm and at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 16th, from 11am-12noon; Wednesday, October 20th, from 3-4pm and Saturday 30th 12-1pm.

Acting sergeant

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Three years of play days

CURRY RIVEL girl Mia, aged six, became the 10,000th visitor of the 17 free play day events held across South Somerset when she arrived at this year's final event in the village on Saturday.

Mia was rewarded with a play day t-shirt and a Bowlplex voucher.

The Curry Rivel play day was the last of a series of events organised by South Somerset District Council as part of a three-year scheme funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

At the final event children got hands on with tarantulas and stick insects in the Bugfest tent before scaling the heights of the climbing wall and testing their skating skills.

Over 60s in South Petherton

SOUTH PETHERTON Over 60 Club, meets every Monday for the young at heart at the Blake Hall 2.30 to 4pm (apologies for the incorrect time printed last week).

The club is for local residents only to enjoy a cup of tea, play bingo, cards or chat.

Monthly tours for the group are made possible thanks to subsidies from the Somerset Community Foundation and the Parish Council. For details call 01460 241753 or 240005.

■ **HUGE RESULT: Sophie Hill and Olivia Calderon present the result of their efforts to Richard Delderfield**

Young fundraisers

TWO 12-year-old girls from Stocklinch raised £433.80 for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research by organising a massive coffee morning in memory of a family friend.

Sophie Hill and Olivia Calderon knew their friend's father, local dentist Richard Faulkingham, had died two years previously from the disease. They went online and contacted the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research charity who sent them a fundraising pack.

The girls made posters and leaflets which they delivered door to door throughout the surrounding villages and asked for donations for a raffle. Waitrose donated ingredients for the cakes they made and other villagers also donated cakes. Local artist Rosanna Chittenden donated a painting and Barrington Pottery donated a piece of work. Even people who couldn't attend on the day donated money.

The event ran from 11am to 1pm, attracting over 100 people to the village hall where they had to put chairs outside.

National vice chairman of the charity, Richard Delderfield, who met the girls last month to accept the cheque, was extremely impressed by their efforts.

He said: "This is an incredible amount of money, when you consider it can take us two hours to raise £40. People of all ages think someone else will do it and you got on and did it. Well done!"

The girls said they had enjoyed it although it had been a bit scary not knowing how many people would turn up. They are already talking about Christmas fundraising.

Sophie's mother said the parents were so impressed with the fact that the girls did everything, from pricing the menu to making the food. They even sent thank you notes out afterwards.

Fancy a different way to walk?

ANYBODY looking to improve their fitness without running or gym work might consider Nordic walking, a leisure activity course being run by Somerset Skills and Learning.

The group meets at the Henhayes recreation field on Wednesday evenings from 6pm, walking around the field for an hour.

Walking with two lightweight carbon fibre poles, similar to ski poles, that make you move your upper body as you walk this low impact form of exercise actually uses 90 per cent of your muscles.

It means you burn 45 percent more energy than in normal walking and have a higher heart rate, improving your breathing and breaking down stress hormones.

Tutor Deborah Welch said the latest research showed the skeleton is actually lifted from the lower body, working the upper body and improving circulation, even in those with circulatory problems.

The use of the poles improves shoulder and chest mobility which is particularly beneficial in post breast cancer surgery. They also protect the ankle and knee joints which causes a 30 per cent lower impact compared to running or jogging.

Ms Welch said she had taken a group of women in their 70s up Herne Hill in Ilminster, which was very steep, and the technique of double poling took all the strain out of both the climb and the descent.

There is a social aspect of the pastime as it appeals to men and women of all ages and walking in a green space means stress levels are much reduced, along with improved posture, balance and stride.

Crewkerne resident Ana Collingridge underwent major spinal surgery at the end of 2009. Previously a brisk walker, she had been looking for a way to improve her recovery and fitness. Although still needing a stick and walking poorly on a daily basis, she said the Nordic walking made her feel brilliant and with the two sticks she walked much better and felt safe.

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■ **GETTING INTO THE STRIDE: Kevin Andrews, Deborah Welch and Ana Collingridge**

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60 Happy 60th birthday John Johnston, Love all your family

Happy Birthday for Saturday Donna Edwards we all love you! AJ, Harvey, Mum and Rob xxx

Congratulations to Mark and Emma on the Birth of your daughter Tilly Lu, a sister for Tyler, Bayley, Oakley and Marley, lots of love Dad and Sheila xxx

Happy Birthday Dad lots of Love Ethan and Aidan

Five Years, Sid Brooks and Mike Woodcock, still greatly missed by all at Bridport Disabled Carers Friends Club R.I.P

3 Sonny Wild, Happy 3rd Birthday, lots of love Mummy, Daddy, Lilli and Beau xxx

21 Happy 21st Birthday, 5th October, Luke Lawson, hope you have a fantastic day, lots of love Stu, Ali, Ryan and Jenna-Marie

21 Happy 21st Birthday Luke Lawson, lots of love Nan and Grandad Barker

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Ex President scoops first at ploughing match

by Marion Draper

TORRENTIAL overnight rain did not deter the contenders for the Crewkerne Young Farmers Club 47th annual ploughing match last Saturday.

Athough the surface ground was slick underfoot, the experienced ploughmen and women found the ground took a good clean cut. Spectators were pleased to see the return of the horses this year, as Robert Eddy from Land's End returned with his teams after missing last year due to a health scare.

Richard Baker of Eastfield Farm, East Chinnock, scooped first prize in the commercial ploughing class following a three year absence from competitive ploughing, during which time he was president of the Young Farmers Club advisory committee.

Mr Eddy worked with a two furrow plough and three horses Bob, Tyson and Jewel. His son Jack Eddy ploughed with another two furrow plough and his team of three-year-old horses Dusk, Belle and Diamond Girl. Horse ploughing competition winner David Jones used a single furrow plough and two horses Bill and Bob.

A total of 78 competitors took part in the eight tractor ploughing classes as the sunny skies prevailed on the day.

The eight judges David Ashdown, Donald Bartlett, Geoff Chapman, Michael Fooks, Mike Hole, David Jeffery, Kelston Sparkes and Mervyn Vowles had the difficult task of choosing the prize winners. David Hinkins undertook judging of the six individual feed classes, resulting in Tom Jeanes being awarded the fodder shield after taking first place for his wholecrop wheat and standing maize.

Field owners Robert and Lesley Lane and their family were fully involved on the day. Robert and son James provided a tractor on site to assist anybody who was stuck in the mud whilst wife Lesley presented the prizes to the competitors. Daughter Rosie, an active YFC member, was part of a team responsible for serving the judges' lunches.

■ GREAT DAY FOR ALL: Members of Crewkerne Young Farmers Club

■ THE OLD AND THE NEW: Crewkerne YFC ploughing match

■ BOYS DAY OUT: Regular competitor William Doble from Drimpton with sons Noah and Brandon with his Same 86

Ploughing Class Results:

Class 1 Novice Conventional: 1st Graham Bunter, 2nd John Shute, 3rd Malcolm Ford.

Class 2 Novice Reversible:1st David Swaffield, 2nd Richard Bailey, 3rd Amelia Pearse.

Class 3 Open Reversible: 1st (and representative at the National Championships) Dave Dosson, 2nd John Wareham, 3rd Geoff Vaux.

Class 4 Open Semi Digger, sponsored by Mike Broom: 1st (and representative at the National Championships) Donald Tonkin, 2nd Bill Tonkin, 3rd Paul Studley.

Class 5 Open Commercial: 1st Richard Baker, 2nd Simon Cullingord, 3rd Mark Symonds.

Class 6 Trailed Vintage:1st Tony Walker, 2nd Brian Johnston, 3rd Martin Smale.

Class 7 Mounted Vintage, sponsored by Bredy Ltd: 1st Colin Heard, 2nd Arnold Watts, 3rd Will Voisey.

Class 8 Classic Tractor and Plough: 1st Bill Valentine, 2nd Malcolm Williams, 3rd Derek Parsons.

The following special prizes were also awarded: Best Bye: Colin Heard; Best Finish Colin Heard.

The Bredy Cup for Best Ploughing and representative at the National Championships: Colin Heard.

The Roger Dennett Memorial Trophy for the best work with 3 or more furrows: John Shute.

The Nick Eagar Memorial Cup for the best work with a Reversible Plough: David Dosson.

The G. Thorne Cup for the best work using a Massey Ferguson Tractor and/or Plough: Malcolm Williams.

The Francis Bugler Cup for the best work using a Ford or New Holland Tractor: Bill Tonkin.

The C. Smart Prize for the best work using a John Deere Tractor: John Chapman.

J& B Gibbs Shield for the best work with a David Brown/Case: David Dosson.

The David Brown Tractor Club shield for best ploughing with a classic David Brown tractor and plough: Bill Valentine.

The David Brown Vintage Tractor & Plough Shields: 1st Arnold Watts, 2nd Will Voisey, 3rd Keith Stone. All three recipients of vintage shields qualified to plough in the D.B. final at the National Championships.

E. C. Lawrence Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best work by any YFC member: Donald Tonkin.

Challenge Cup for best work by a Crewkerne YFC member in any class: John Wareham.

Rosewell Challenge Trophy for best Crewkerne YFC member in a novice class: David Swaffield.

Best ploughing by a female YFC member in any class: Amelia Pearse.

The H.A.E.S. Trophy for the best turned out vintage tractor and plough: M. Taviner.

Feed Classes: Class 1, 2.5Kg of Grass Silage - 1st Tom and Ben Turner, Class 2, 2.5Kg of Maize Silage 1st - Cyril Bailey, Class 3, 1Kg of Hay - 1st John Wareham, Class 4, 2.5Kg of Haylage 1st -Will Doble, Class 5, 1Kg of Wholecrop 1st - Tommy Jeanes, Class 3, 3 stems of Maize - 1st Tommy Jeanes.

Overall Feed Champion and Countrywide Shield: Tommy Jeanes.

Mini-Digger Driving sponsored by Hillbuild: Class 1, Child (under 16) - 1st Callum Hayball; Class 2, Lady over 16 - 1st Amelia Pearse; Class 3, Gent. over 16 - 1st Tristan Sawtell.

The club would like to express their thanks to the ladies of the club's advisory committee for providing refreshments and the judges lunches and the gents of the advisory committee for stewarding on the day and marking out the plots. To the Lions Club of Crewkerne for the Hog Roast, and to the local businesses who provided financial support including Bredy Ltd., Mike Broom Agricultural Engineer, Countrywide Farmers Ltd., P. H. Hardwill Ltd., Highwood Ltd., HRH Potatoes, Lloyds TSB plc, Mole Valley Farmers, NFU Mutual, Pearce Seeds, Pen Mill Feeds, Colin Smart Agricultural Services, J. H. Swaffield and Sons, Synergy Farm Health, Wydale Plastics & Yarcombe Woodlands.

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Therapists paint it pink

BEAUTY therapists at Pure Beauty in Chard will be supporting national Breast Cancer Awareness week by offering to paint your fingernails pink on Wednesday, October 13th, from 9am until 12noon.

For a donation to Breast Cancer Care you can enjoy a professionally painted set of pink nails in shades with names such as "basket case".

The girls decided to support the cause because some of their clients have had breast cancer and they thought it was relevant to their work.

Please support their fundraising by popping along for some dazzling digits.

■ **SUPER SOAPERS: Station Commander Mike Cross, with firefighters Chris Dole, Tom Bishop, Kate Collins and Nathan Compton.**

Firefighters clean up!

CHARD firefighters would like to thank everyone who took their vehicles along to the fundraising car wash on Saturday, October 2nd.

They had a steady flow throughout the morning, with a quiet period during the Children's Carnival at lunchtime.

The crew were delighted with the response and all monies raised will go to the Firefighter's Benevolent Fund.

A touch of Eastern spice

by Marion Draper

■ **TASTY PLATE: Sue Cook with some of the meze supper tasters**

AS RAIN beat down on lat Saturday, over 90 people basked in the warmth of the Middle Eastern Evening held at Crowshute House in Chard.

The event was organised to raise funds for the community centre by Sue Cook, who regularly serves dinners for the general public there, and her daughter Rosie, who has been performing Eastern dance for several years.

There were two sets of performance by members of Dar Tangerina, the first academy of Middle Eastern Dance and Music by Shema, an internationally renowned teacher and performer from Taunton, and Belly Bob and the Belly Babes.

The audience enjoyed a mixture of the more familiar Egyptian belly dancing and very energetic Moroccan street dancing, stick dancing and a gentle candle dance.

During the interval there was a taster of Eastern delicacies served by Sue and her team, including houmus-stuffed vine leaves, chicken and lamb kebabs, baklava and Turkish style mint tea.

There was a raffle of prizes donated by Barleymows, Hooked on Wine, Holland and Barrett, Barrons, the electrical shop, the gift shop and the craft shop.

Mrs Cook said it was a highly successful evening and she had received fantastic feedback. The evening raised around £800 after costs for the centre and the organisers would like to thank everyone for their kind support and the volunteers for their hard work.

Home cooked meals by Sue and her team are served every Wednesday and Friday from 12-1pm at Crowshute House and are available to anyone.

■ **EASTERN ENERGY: Shema performs a Moroccan street dance**

■ **EXOTIC LINE UP: The Middle Eastern style dancers**

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■ CHEERING HERSELF UP: Pat Howard with one of several entries

Didn't we do well at Dowlish

DOWLISH Wake may be a small village but their festival society produce show attracts lively competition to a high standard.

Everyone had a different reason for entering, the children had great fun with their baking and flowers in a hat on the church steps.

Sally and Simon Gale enjoyed rivalry with their baking skills and Pat Howard had made her delightful flower arrangements to cheer herself up after a hospital visit.

The committee would like to thank everyone for entering and hope to see even more entries next year.

■ WHO'S THE COOK?: Baking champions Simon and Sally Gale

■ GINGERBREAD ANIMALS: Lydia Peachy, Holly Bignell and Amelia Peachy

■ WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT: Holly and Martin Bignell show their decorated hats to the other children

■ KEEPING THE STREAMS CLEAR: Members of South Somerset Climate Action Group set an example.

Think about plastic bags

SOUTH Somerset Climate Action is calling for people to think more about plastic bags and picking up litter.

A group armed with rakes, pick-up sticks and gloves met by the bottle banks near Tesco, in Ilminster, after members of SSCA had seen a photo of Shudrick Stream strewn with polythene bags. It only took an hour to fill half-a-dozen black sacks from the length of the stream up to the end of the new housing estate.

Chairman Joe Burlington said: "Apart from the unsightly litter, what bothers us is that some plastic could still be around in 50 years time. It gets into the food chain, pollutes water and damages wildlife. After heavy rain, those bags could block the grill so that the road would soon be awash. We all need to be more careful and children are often more aware than adults."

■ THANK YOU AND WELL DONE: Taunton Flower Show Chief Steward Mike Welch, Ilminster Lions President Peter Lawrence and Matron for Children's Services Suzanne Pilkington.

Teddies help children

ILMINSTER Lions Club were pleased to be able to donate £1,030 to the children's unit of Musgrove Park Hospital thanks to the generosity of the public who bought their teddy bears at Taunton Flower Show this year.

The Lions also acted as marshals at the event. Matron for Children's Services at the hospital, Suzanne Pilkington, joined the Lions meeting to explain that the money would go towards the purchase of an assessment couch for children's outpatients which would go up and down and have moveable safety guards on the sides.

Another £250 raised will go to the Marines who ran a marathon at their camp in Afghanistan to raise money for the injured of 40 Commando.

Chief Steward of Taunton Flower Show, Mike Welch, was also at the meeting and the Lions President Peter Lawrence presented him with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his support for the club.

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Children teach parents at open day

by Marion Draper

ASHLANDS First School in Crewkerne held an open day to let the community in to see what they get up to in class.

Members of the school council greeted visitors politely, offering home-made biscuits, before giving them a tour.

Activities had been organised for the day to allow parents to join in with the reception children enjoying story books and drawing, as well as making paper lanterns to hang on a tree.

Holly class were studying Native Americans and were taking turns to move to a different table in the room and change their activities.

One group were on the laptops, seeing what they could find out about the subject on the internet, then writing down their findings.

A second table were learning about talking feathers, how a group wishing to have a discussion would take turns to hold a feather, only that person being allowed to speak uninterrupted.

Other children had made sticks for a game similar to dice and some were drawing native symbols in dough after studying sand paintings.

A big favourite was the painting table. The children had collected blackberries and two different coloured earths to make their own water colours and were painting using twigs.

The children enjoyed being able to talk to their visitors and answer questions about what they were doing, engaging well and being polite.

There was also plenty of project work on display all around the classrooms and in the hall, for everyone to view.

Headteacher Carol Wills said it was a great chance for parents and the local community to see the work they did at school and was very pleased to open their doors for the day.

Jazzing it up for church

FRIENDS of St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, held a jazz night with supper to raise money for the church roof repairs.

The diners enjoyed a mixture of modern and mainstream music from jazz trio Sounds Cool in a cafe style atmosphere with low lighting and small tables.

Pictured are jazz musicans Paul Chousmer (back left), Keith Feinson and Kate Steven (centre) with friends of the church Steve Dennis, Dorothy Tozer, Councillor Hilary Leamon, John Clotworthy and Peter Singleton.

NATURAL ART: Teaching Assistant Mrs Dawson helps with the earth and berry paints

NATIVE GAMES: Ashlands pupils make a stick game

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CREWKERNE and District University of the Third Age members gathered at The Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne for a special "Taste of The West" dinner.

Around 70 members of the organisation enjoyed local food and music from Chris Prideaux and Friends organised by Alan and Maureen Spinney.

They also held a draw and voted on the best "Taste of the West" photograph and painting from a display by their respective groups.

U3A have many different groups for like-minded people to join from art and crafts to history groups, talks, writing, singing and dancing. They meet at local venues and each other's homes depending on the interest.

For more information contact membership Secretary Dave Charnick 01460 271776.

WAITING FOR DINNER: Members enjoy a drink before their meal

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Marjorie's treasured memories

ONE thing we all have in common are memories connected with keepsakes or photographs and, for Marjorie Fowler, one of her most precious keepsakes is actually a book of memories.

She was delighted to have the opportunity to create the book with the help of South Somerset District Council when a representative approached the 60s Club in Winsham where she has lived all her life.

MARJORIE Fowler with the photograph taken of staff at Cricket St Thomas in 1927 and the black swan her aunt won at Crewkerne Fair

The bound copy of her own memories was the result of the South Somerset Reminiscence Project in 1993 and she also took part in a group book called Telling Memories.

One of her favourite photographs in the book was her wedding day when her father told her not to hold her bouquet of Arum Lillies like a bunch of nettles.

Although she worked hard as a young woman, she remembers childhood as "good times for nothing".

They lived in a cottage built for workers on the Cricket St Thomas estate where her father Albert Good had been a gardener.

There was no electricity, or flush toilet, only a bucket outside and water was from an outside tap.

Another of her favourite things is a large group photos of the staff at Cricket St Thomas taken in 1927, when she was only two years old.

Marjorie went to Chard School until she was 14 then she went into service where she learned a variety of tasks including how to skins six rabbits every week.

She said: "I loved the taste of a harvest rabbit but never cared for hare and I wouldn't eat pheasant that was hung. I don't know why they wanted to do that, I would only ever eat them fresh. Because we used to get the vegetables they had at the big house, sometimes we had things I had never seen like asparagus, I thought it was bluebell buds.

"When I was 17 I tried to join the Wrens but I was too young and my parents wouldn't sign the papers so I went to work at the saw mills. My mother said I should go to a factory but I couldn't bear the thought of being shut up. It was a bit of a shock going from a white apron to overalls. Afterwards I always said I would never wear dungarees again.

"We made food boxes and ammunition boxes for the troops and we always knew when there had been a bad raid because there would be a big order for coffin boards.

"It was heavy work, we had to hit the wood apart in the winter as it would freeze together. We used to write our names on the boxes and hoped someone would reply but they never did."

Marjorie met her husband Cliff at the saw mills. He had been a prisoner of war, taken at Dunkirk. When they married she was happy to be given a galvanised bucket for fetching water from across the road and two Pyrex dishes which she still uses as well as an ironing board, rolling pin and pastry board made by a carpenter at the mill when she left.

As a village family they were very close and Marjorie also treasures things that belonged to her relatives, like a black swan vase won by her aunt Edna at Crewkerne fair and the brass candlesticks and cigarette box that her uncle had brought back from India.

With a husband who had been a POW, Marjorie knew the importance of the organisations who helped the returning troops.

She became an active member of the Women's Institute and when there were no more men in the local branch of the Royal British Legion, she and other ladies of the village kept it up. Marjorie finds it very sad that younger people are not joining such organisations.

SOME of Marjorie's prized possessions

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CLAIRE Singleton has been Fitting Pretty at her shop in Falkland Square, Crewkerne, since May and loves every minute of it.

A Crewkerne girl through and through, it had always been her dream to open a shop in the town and she has always loved lingerie. When Sugar and Spice were having a closing sale, she went for a chat and realised there would be a gap in the market. So she took the plunge, leaving her job at Yeovil hospital where she had worked in cancer services and had became a Multi Disciplinary Team Co-ordinator.

Now she sells quality lingerie with a full fitting service without the embarrassing tape measure performance. Despising poor customer service, her friendly personality has created a good customer base and the bras she sells are chosen for their prettiness, right up to the larger sizes.

WHAT do you like about Crewkerne?
I like the convenience of being able to walk to work and being near my family and friends. Living here you are always near somewhere to go for a walk with the dogs, and we are not far from the coast. It is convenient to go to London of you want to as well.

WHAT kind of lingerie do you like yourself?
I like pretty bright colours personally. I don't possess a white bra which is a bit naughty. I used to be obsessive about matching the colour of my underwear to the clothes I was wearing but I am not so bad now.

HAS the feedback been good so far?
Many ladies have said they like the convenience and that there is no rush here, they can come in and try several bras, and enjoy the personal service. My daughter helps at the weekends and we just held our first ladies nights for loyalty card holders, which went down very well. I am thinking about a fashion show next. I was delighted to get a certificate from Crewkerne Action for the Disabled and was sorry to miss their awards evening.

HOW do you like to spend your leisure time?
We are Crewkerne Rugby Club supporters, my husband James is a VIP member. We like to walk the dogs although our golden retriever is older now so we tend to go across Millpond and Cathole Bridge Road, we used to go all up behind North Street.

HAVE you travelled much?
Yes we try to go away to Europe every year. Some friends of ours have a house in France and we go to Spain quite a bit. This year we went camping for the first time in years and went to Exmoor with some friends, we had a good time but camping wouldn't be my first choice for a holiday. I would love to go to New Zealand one day.

WHAT would you want to have on your desert island?
A big bottle of red wine and a huge packet of crisps, a good thriller and my iPod. I do like quiet but I think I would like to have some music.

WHAT do you like about your job?
I love meeting people in the shop. When I was in endoscopy I loved chatting to people but then working in MDT you don't get to meet the patients. I love to have a good laugh with people.

WHAT is your favourite period of history?
I'd love to have been a 60s chick. I love all that fifties- sixties rock and roll and jive. I did ballroom dancing as a kid and I love the music of Buddy Holly. Sixties psychedelic colours, big skirts, hot pants and mini skirts, I would have loved all that when I was younger.

WHAT gets you through life's ups and downs?
You have to laugh through life. I smile and get on with it.

ARE you a bit of a daredevil?
I did abseiling and caving when I was about 17, when I was a Youth Training Scheme employee at the glove factory. You have got to do everything once. I would love to do a parachute jump, I like anything scary as long as someone is there with me to make me jump. I'd love to ski. When we get snow the kids have to fight us for the toboggan.

ARE you a foodie?
I don't mind cooking, we used to have a lot of dinner parties but not so much now, I don't have the time. I like starters and mains, I'm not a dessert person and the kids have to talk me into things like white chocolate cheesecake. I like a lot of fish.

IF you won the lottery what would you do?
I'd love a big house with a swimming pool but I wouldn't want to move away from friends and family, there is no point having all that and no one to have fun with. I wouldn't want to give up the shop so I would have to find someone like me to run it. I'd like to get an Aston Martin and treat our and family and friends to holidays and things. I would go to Lapland for Christmas too because that is expensive.

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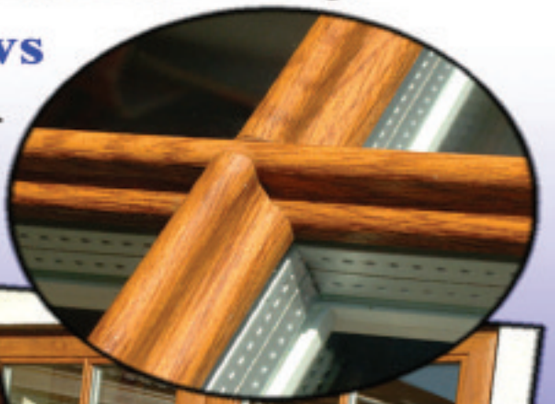

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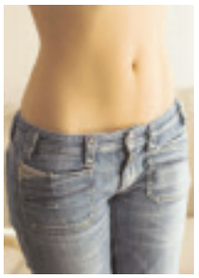

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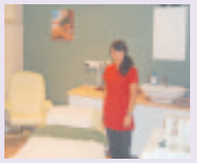

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In direct contrast, weight-loss and weight-management company LighterLife has helped 200,000 people in the UK and Republic of Ireland lose weight and keep it off. Locally, Lynn Baynes, LighterLife Weight-Management Counsellor for Yeovil has helped residents shed an incredible 925 stones. That's the same weight as 6,475 bags of sugar!!!

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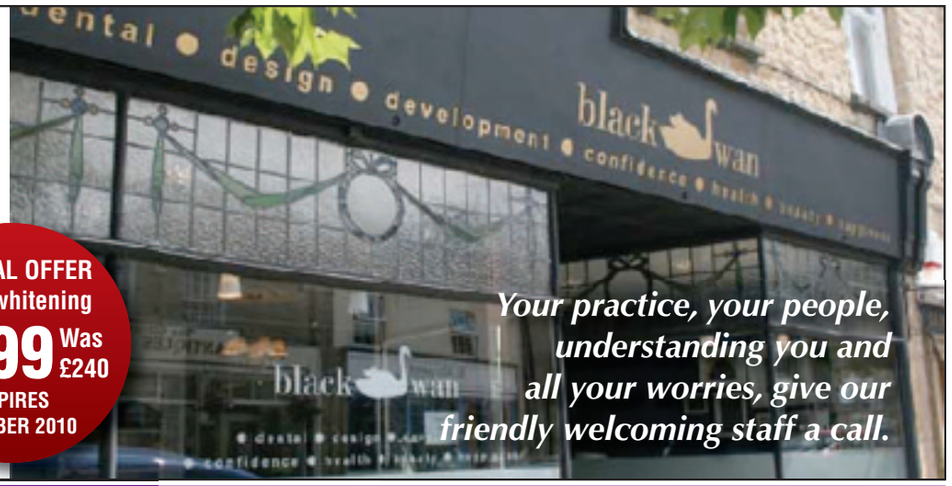

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The spirit of carnival shines

■ CHAMPION FEATURE: Harlequin's Gepetto's Workshop

by Marion Draper

HARLEQUINS were the show stoppers at Ilminster's Grand Carnival Parade last Saturday with their large feature float Gepetto's Workshop.

The creation had already won them several prizes at Wellington Carnival on September 25th. The Ilminster based club had a huge Gepetto figure on the front with the members playing animated puppets and other toys. Pinocchio and Jiminy Cricket were the other large statues and planes and letter bricks held much of the lighting. They won Best Feature, Best Costume and Best Music on Float as well as Best Costume and Best Makeup in Procession.

Gemini CC who had not been ready to go to Wellington brought up the rear of the procession and took the Spirit of Carnival and two tableau prizes for the first showing of their Colosseum, which represented the action and cruelty of Ancient Rome. There was a lot to see and the live statues were so good it was hard to tell they were human. Although the imposing columns did make it a little hard to see some of the action of the chariots in the middle, as always with Gemini there was a different take on the subject and some very original poses.

The rain came down in sheets throughout the evening but the forecast meant people came prepared and it was a mild night. The streets were packed right from the beginning on Bay Hill, to the new end point, this year, at the bottom of Station Road.

The Blackdown Samba Band and plenty of colour, music and dancing from the entrants created a whole carnival feel despite the rain, while the walking entries and majorettes did exceptionally well to keep up the atmosphere.

Ilminster Carnival committee were impressed once again that all entries were of a very high standard from the individuals walking, to the enormous spectacular floats.

The police this year were very pleased with all aspects of the carnival under the very wet weather conditions and praised all involved and the crowd for their carnival spirit.

Ilminster Carnival Committee said that after counting thousands of wet coins their total street collection was in excess of £3,000 - slightly down on last year - but bearing in mind the weather they were all very pleased. Their main recepient this year will be the local fire service. A big thank you goes to all the carnival entries, marshals, judges, businesses, street collectors, people who helped count the money, the emergency services and the generosity of the crowd on the night.

RESULTS: Feature - GD Pearce & KC White Cup: 1st Gepetto's Workshop, 2nd Rome 217AD Phoenix CC, 3rd Voodoo Carnival Eclipse CC.
Tableau - Richard Townsend Cup:1st Colosseum Gemini CC, 2nd Over The Rainbow New Beginnings CC.
Comic - EF Britten Cup: 1st O What a Knight One Plus One CC, 2nd CU Jimmy Poppe Inne CC.
Youth: 1st Medieval Pageant Rascals CC,

■ FINAL FLIGHT: St Peter's CC were celebrating 35 years of carnival

■ JAI HO: Merriott Majorettes

■ IRISH EYES ARE SMILING: Outkast CC Pups Luck of The Irish

■ CHARIOT CRASH: Gemini were at the Colosseum

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Single Adult - Townsend Cup: Skullduggery A&A CC, 2nd Arachnophobia 'The Sequel' Roger Muspratt-Hamilton, 3rd Final Flight St Peters CC.
Single Juvenile - Sylvie England Cup: 1st Rainbows End Matthew Parker, 2nd Crisp Couture Trish Male, 3rd Luck of the Irish Outkast CC.
Pairs - Ilminster Cash & Carry Warehouse Cup: 1st Scarecrow Wedding Cousins CC, 2nd Carribean Voodoo Outkast CC, 3rd The Lion Dancers Double Trouble CC.
Group - Mynster Cup: 1st Poker Face Xtreme CC, 2nd Bombay Dream Motiv8 CC, 3rd Meet the Suckers Jokers CC.
Wheeled - Friends of Vaughan Lee Cup: 1st Pirate Playtime Generations CC, 2nd Pirate Fairies Maddy & Eliza Murdoch.
Trade - Ilminster Chamber of Commerce Cup: 1st Santaland at Wookey Hole Majorettes ; 1st Chard Goldstars, 2nd Lyme Regis Majorettes, 3rd Merriott Silhouettes.
Best Dressed Tractor - Norman Bellew Trophy: Rock Star Club 2000 CC.
Best Music on Local Float - Vidgery Memorial Cup: Geppeto's Workshop,
Spirit of Carnival - Starlight CC Shield: Colosseum Gemini CC.
Best Costume on Float John Hawkins Cup: Gepetto's Workshop.
Best Costume in Procession - The Bee & Squire Akhurst Cup: Gepetto's Workshop.
Best Routine in Procession - Paula White Trophy: Bombay Dreams Motv8 CC.
Best Makeup in Procession - Harlequin CC Plate: Gepetto's Workshop.
Best Tableau Pose - Prima Moda Brides Cup: Colosseum Gemini CC.
Best Dressed Shop Window: Harriman's and Bilbys Coffee Shop.

● The top awards, Best in Procession, Best Local Entry and Best Local Walking will be announced at the Carnival Federation Presentation evening in November.

■ LITTLE MUNCHKIN: Over The Rainbow with New Beginnings CC

■ CASTLE FANTASY: Medieval Pageant Rascals CC

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George comes to The Brewhouse in the same month that his 2010 series Lost Land of the Tiger, filmed in Bhutan, is aired on the BBC.

George McGavin, presenting his show Bug World, will be at The Brewhouse Theatre, Taunton on Wednesday, October 13th. Tickets, costing £15.50, £13.50 or £11.50 (plus discounts for 60+, concessions and schools) are available by calling 01823 283244 or visit www.thebrewhouse.net for tickets or more details.

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MULTI-AWARD winning saxophonist, Courtney Pine, has done more for the profile of modern British jazz than almost any other figure. Some 24 years since his 1986 debut album made the British Top 40, he remains at the forefront of the UK jazz scene, continually pushing at boundaries and reinterpreting the tradition.

Courtney Pine plays at the Quartz Festival at Queen's College, Taunton on Friday, October 15th from 7.30pm. Tickets are £20, telephone 01823 340805 or visit www.quartzfestival.co.uk for more details or bookings.

Going Out Gigs

Everything Everything

MANCHESTER indie rock upstarts Everything Everything play at Bristol's Thekla venue on Monday, October 11th.

With unique art-rock stylings, and a sound blending the fast-paced post-punk of the Futureheads and vocal styles of Radiohead's Thom Yorke, Everything Everything are attracting a large fan base.

Tickets for the gig cost £9 and are available by calling 0844 412 4642 or by visiting ents24.com

Going Out Gigs

An evening of soulful jazz, blues and gospel classics

A SKILFUL interpreter of swing, blues and gospel classics, Louise Park commits to each song with the warmth, spirit and passion of the great jazz divas. After touring with the late Humphrey Lyttleton and featuring on his final album Cornucopia 3, he described her as: 'A splendid new voice . . . a name which I've no doubt will soon be household', and referred to her as his 'favourite singer'.

Citing influences that include Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday, Louise Parker has been enchanting audiences at venues and festivals around the UK including Glastonbury Festival and The Isle of Wight International Jazz Festival among others. A regular on Radio 2's 'Best of Jazz', Louise was a special guest at the The Humphrey Lyttleton Celebration Concert at the Hammersmith Apollo earlier this year.

Louise will be accompanied by the much acclaimed Craig Milverton Trio.

The concert takes place tonight (Friday, October 8th) at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House from 8pm. Tickets cost £12.

Staying In TV

EMOTIONAL FAREWELL FOR JACK | Coronation Street's Jack and Vera Duckworth were a match made in heaven, so it seems only fitting that the legendary pigeon fancier's ashes will be scattered into the sea at Blackpool – just like those of his beloved late wife.

Tyrone Dobbs will take his friend's remains for one last ride on the promenade tram before casting them off the North Pier. Jack's screen wife Vera – played by Liz Dawn – died from a heart attack in 2008, leaving him bereft.

Actor Bill Tarmey, who has played Jack on Corrie for 31 years, has already filmed his final scenes, which will air next month.

Members of the cast and crew wept openly as a cancer-stricken Jack passed away, after Vera had appeared to him in a moving dream sequence.

LOUIS PICKS HIS FAVOURITE | X Factor judge Louis Walsh has tipped one of his rival judges' acts to win the series after backing painter and decorator Matt Cardle to win the competition.

Louis, who is looking after the older acts, said that he thought one of Dannii Minogue's charges would triumph in the show.

Speaking ahead of next weekend's first live rounds, he said: "The winner is going to be the one with the most votes, but I think Matt has got something very special about him."

Until a last minute change in the rules, 27-year-old Matt would have been in Louis' group of older contestants. But the minimum age for the "overs" group this year is 29, rather than the previous 26, which means the wannabe will be in the boys' group with Dannii as his mentor.

MADE MEN TO SKY? | Mad Men fans might have to pay to see the next instalment in the lifes of Joan, Don and Betty, after BSkyB is reportedly trying to outbid the BBC for the show.

The fourth series of the hit US show, which stars January Jones and John Hamm and follows the New York advertising high fliers of the 1960s, is currently airing on free-to-air digital channel BBC4.

The Guardian has reported that the BBC are in negotiations with US distributor Lionsgate for series five and six, but Sky have allegedly put in a bid which is 25 per cent higher than the BBC paid for the last deal.

The paper claims that, while negotiations have not been closed, the BBC will not attempt to top Sky's offer and the satellite company is set to seal the deal.

Sky has previously outbid free-to-air broadcasters for shows that have become hits, such as 24 and Lost.

BBC director general, Mark Thompson, argued during a lecture at the MediaGuardian Edinburgh International Festival in August that as Sky becomes a "dominant force" in British television it should spend more money investing in British dramas, rather than buying US shows.

● **FAIR LADIES |** Matt Lucas and David Walliams are filming new show *Come fly With Me*

A BBC spokesman said: "We're in negotiations for the continuing broadcast of Mad Men but nothing has been confirmed."

A Sky spokesman said: "Sky will always endeavour to bring the best content to our customers, but we do not comment on shows that we don't hold the rights to."

WALLIAMS AND LUCAS AS NEW LADIES | David Walliams and Matt Lucas showed they not ready to take off their dresses as they unveiled a pair of new laydees.

The Little Britain duo showed off new characters Keeley and Melody, a pair of check-in staff who appear in their forthcoming BBC One comedy Come Fly With Me.

The cheesy-grinned staff work for budget airline Fly Lo in the airport-based series, which is currently filming.

The show - which sees David playing Melody while Matt is Keeley - is due to be screened later this year.

PRINCE TURNS DOWN LOOSE WOMEN | Lisa Maxwell has revealed she failed in her attempt to get Prince William on Loose Women, claiming that he said he didn't like the name of the show.

At a charity CD photoshoot at Clarence House in London, the actress and presenter lobbied the Prince to appear on the popular ITV1 show she co-hosts - but the 28-year-old apparently said he'd never seen it.

Lisa claimed: "I said to him, 'what about being on Loose Women?' He said 'It's the name, it has got an awful name'."

She added: "I'm not sure how you can never have seen it - it is on every day."

The 46-year-old and the Prince took part in a photoshoot for the album 1969: A Key To Change, a downloadable album to mark the Centrepoint charity's 40th anniversary.

Sara Cox, Dan Gillespie and Jools Holland also took part in the shoot.

Going Out Gigs

THERE'S ALWAYS A PLAN B

EAST Londoner Ben Drew could well be the most exciting MC this city has produced. He's as likely to be playing indie venues or folk clubs as he is hip hop jams or raves or R&B gigs. He can spit rhymes and hold his own against any MC or rapper, but can then suddenly switch into a delicate, sweet white soul croon that would shame any boyband member. He accompanies himself on an acoustic guitar, playing in a curiously folksy, fingerpicking style. But the killer punch is the lyrics - bleak, cinematic, X-rated urban poetry laced with a mordant wit and a strong dose of pathos.

Plan B is at the O2 Academy on Monday, October 11th, doors open 7pm, with music starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets are still available from viagogo.co.uk

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weekenderlife DIARY DATES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Chocoholics Night at Whitelackington Village Hall from 8pm. Telephone 01460 55606 for more details.

CLAPTON: Luncheon Club at Village Hall from 12noon. All welcome, but please book in advance by calling 01460 77057.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at Crewkerne Conservative Club. £5 per table. Starts 11am.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON: Autumn Jumble sale at Norton-Sub-Hamdon Village Hall. Doors open 11am. Telephone 01935 881718 or more details.

MISTERTON: Macmillan Coffee Morning at Misterton WI Hall, Middle Street 10am - 12noon. Tea/cofee and home made cake for £2 donation to this very worthy cause. Bring and buy stall and raffle aswell. All welcome. Telephone 01460 74982 for more details.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH

NORTH PERROTT: Apple Tasting / Craft Weekend at North Perrott Farm Shop and Garden Centre, Southern Concervatory Site. 11am - 4.30pm. Village Hall will be serving refreshments at the event, profits from the refreshments go towards Hall funds.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10TH

CREWKERNE: Walk & Lunch from West Street car park, from 11am. Walk approximately one and half hours to the venue and about half hour back to the cars after lunch. £4 adults, £2.50 children (under 16 years old). Organised by Crewkerne and District Twinning Association. Please book on 01460 73045.

MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at the Village Hall, from 6:45pm-7:30pm. Good prizes, hampers and grand raffle. Refreshments available. In aid of St Martin's Church. Telephone 01460 72883 for more information.

CLAPTON: Combined Harvest Supper and Produce Auction in the Village Hall at 7pm. All are welcome. £10 to include excellent 2 course hot supper and extras. Proceeds shared between St Michael's Church, Wayford and C&W Village Hall. Tickets must be booked in advance on 01460 72324.

OCTOBER 15TH, 16TH & 17TH

WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club Annual Exhibition, Jubilee Hall. Preview on 15th 7pm - 9pm (tickets £3 on the door, to include refreshments). Exhibition continues on 16th 10am - 5pm, and 17th 10am - 4.30pm. Admission free. Pictures and cards for sale at reasonable prices. For more details telephone 01460 30379 for more details.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Car Boot and Table Top Sale (disabled access) at Whitelackington Village Hall from 10am - 1pm. Telephone 01460 55606 for more details.

MISTERTON: Rock N Roll the night away at Misterton Village Hall from 7.30-11pm to 60s, 70s and 80s music by local group *Junk Male* (who are performing free of charge to raise funds for the W.I. Hall Roof Fund). Tickets £10 (includes ploughmans supper and home made cake by the W.I. ladies). Over 18's only. Bar, dancing, raffle, prizes. Tickets from: 01460 76909/74982/78931.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at Henhayes Centre, incuding meat raffle. 9am - 12noon (sellers from 8.30pm), £4 per table. Contact 01460 74340 for more details.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21ST

CREWKERNE: Quiz Night at Crewkerne Conservative Club from 8pm. Teams of 4 (max), 31 per person. Prizes and bufet. Telephone 01460 72474 to book your team, or just join on the night.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association AGM with cheese & wine at the Speedwell Club, from 7:30pm. Free to members and interested parties.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Invictus' at Tatworth Memorial Hall, organised by T&F Movies. Doors open 7.30pm, film from 8pm. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

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Going Out Comedy

Jethro in Yeovil

EVERYONE'S favourite Cornish comic is coming to the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil.

After 35 years in the business Jethro is as offensive and laugh-out-loud funny as ever.

Jethro performs at the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil on Friday, October 15th at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £18.50 and are available by calling the box office on 01935 422884.

WHAT HAPPENED WAS... | Jethro comes to Yeovil

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Going Out Theatre

Monteverdi's Flying Circus

ARMONICO Consort present Monteverdi's Flying Circus at The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil on Thursday, October 14th at 7.30pm

400 years ago in a world where men with beards did great things, a young Venetian composer, Claudio Monteverdi was beavering away writing some of the worlds first operas. The people were hungry for entertainment and he was between Baroque and a hard place. But with courage, skill, a wispy beard, wit and a style he pulled it off writing some of the greatest music know to man. Four centuries later, Armonico Consort has taken some of the most beautiful melodies ever to have been created from all three of Monteverdi's operas (L'Orfeo-Ullyses-Poppea), and in a feat never before attempted, would retell these great tales in just one evening. With the finest period instrumentalists this is an evening for those passionate about Baroque opera and for those who are dabbling for the first time.

Tickets cost £20, Concessions £18.50 and Footlights, Children/Students £17. To book call the Octagon Theatre Box Office on 01935 422884.

Going Out Gigs

Acoustic duo for David Hall concert

CHRIS While and Julie Matthews bring their beautiful acoustic tunes to South Petherton's David Hall.

Chris While - vocals, guitar, banjo, dulcimer, bodhran and percussion and Julie Matthews - vocals, piano, guitar, mandolin and bouzouki - are breathtaking singers, songwriters, musicians and performers, whose energy and commitment to their craft and their audience is boundless. They have been hailed the best and most hard working acoustic duo on the folk roots scene.

Chris While and Julie Matthews play at The David Hall on Saturday, October 9th. Tickets are £14. Book online at www.thedavidhall.org.uk

Going Out Film

This week's new releases

WALL Street: Money Never Sleeps *12A* sees Michael Douglas reprise his role as disgraced former Wall Street corporate raider Gordon Gekko, in the follow up to 1987's Wall Street

As the global economy teeters on the brink of disaster, young Wall Street trader Jake Moore (Shia LaBeouf) partners with disgraced Gordon Gekko on a two-tiered mission: To alert the financial community to the coming doom, and to find out who was responsible for the death of the young trader's mentor.

Released Wednesday, October 6th.

COMEDY-DRAMA ***Mr Nice*** *18* sees Rhys Ifans play notorious drug smuggler Howard Marks in the big screen adaptation of Marks' autobiography of the same name.

Covering ground from his marijuana fuelled days at Oxford University, post-grad days as a teacher, through to the infamous international drug-smuggler period and subsequent prison-time, the film sees Ifans in typical, but hilarious, 'Welsh boyo' mode, and Chloe Sevigny and Crispin Glover also star.

Released Friday, October 8th

THE Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud *12A* sees heart-throb Zac Efron take up the title role in this romantic drama.

Charlie St. Cloud (Zac Efron) is a young man

overcome by grief at the death of his younger brother Sam (Charlie Tahan), so much so that he takes a job as caretaker of the cemetery in which his brother is buried. Charlie has a special lasting bond with his brother though, as he can see him. Charlie meets up with his brother Sam each night to play catch and talk. Then, a girl comes into Charlie's life and he must choose between keeping a promise he made to Sam, or going after the girl he loves.

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The tour will be visiting: Oban, Ben Nevis Distillery and Visitors Centre, Spean Bridge Woolen Mill, The Commando Memorial, Neptunes Staircase, AonachMor Gondola Lit and Ski Centre, Newton More, Kingossie - Waltzing Waters, Jacobite Steam Train Ride: Fort William to Malaig return

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England

5 Days in The Isle of Wight

We have two holidays running to Isle of Wight this year

Departs 29/03/11 Returns 02/04/11 Departs 21/10/11 Returns 25/10/11

Your break will begin by travelling from Southampton to Ryde and staying four nights at the fabulous Burlington Hotel, situated in Sandown. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

The tour will be visiting: Day trip around the Island, Godshill (known as the most photographed village in Britain) Shanklin, Ventnor and the botanic Gardens, Ryde and the Waltzing Waters, Arlington Barns and the Busy Bee garden centre, leisure time in Sandown

Limited number of single supplement rooms,
Admission Charges

price per person: **£239**

England

5 Days in Carlisle

Departs 16/05/11 Returns 20/05/11

Your break will begin by travelling north to Carlisle and staying 4 nights at The Hallmark Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

The tour will be visiting:
Carlisle to Hexham via Hadrians Wall, Carlisle to Settle - return by train and a boat trip on Lake Windermere, over the Kirkstone pass.

Limited number of single supplement rooms

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England

5 Days in Great Yarmouth

Departs 13/06/11 Returns 17/06/11

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The tour will be visiting:
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England

5 Days in Eastbourne

Departs 07/09/11 Returns 11/09/11

Your break will begin by travelling to Eastborne and staying four nights at the Hadleigh hotel or the Haddon Hall, situated on the Grand Parade. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

The tour will be visiting: Battle (abbey and battlefield), Hastings, Beachy Head and countryside centre, Newhaven and Paradise garden centre, Brighton, leisure day in Eastbourne.

Limited number of Non single supplement rooms
Admission charges may apply

All inclusive price per person: **£329**

Wales

5 Days in Tenby

We have two holidays running to Tenby this year

Departs 25/04/11 Returns 29/04/11 Departs 29/08/11 Returns 02/09/11

Your break will begin by travelling to Tenby and staying four nights at the Clarence House Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price. there are also a 'complimentary' one hour house bar every evening on this tour.

The tour will be visiting: Saundersfoot, St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales), Tenby (free time in the town), Carmarthen, Lovespoon workshop, Avondale Glass blowing (a unique and fascinating experience)

Limited number of Non single supplement rooms
Admission charges

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Seasonal

5 Days in Eastbourne

Turkey & Tinsel

Departs 31/10/11 Returns 04/11/11

Your break will begin by travelling to Eastbourne and staying four nights at the Hadleigh Hotel or the Haddon Hall, situated on the Grand Parade. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

The tour will be visiting: Beachy Head, Newhaven Park Garden centre, Brighton, Cite Europe, Calais via the Eurotunnel and a leisure day in Eastbourne.

Limited number of single supplement rooms

All inclusive price per person: **£289**

Seasonal

5 Days in North England

Turkey & Tinsel

Departs 14/11/11 Returns 18/11/11

Your break will begin by travelling north to Dumfriesshire and staying for 4 nights at the Gretna Hall hotel at Gretna Green. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

The tour will be visiting: Moffat wollen Mill, Carlisle, Hadrians Wall to Hexham Lake Windermere and Kirkstone Pass.

Limited number of Non single supplement rooms
Admission charges

price per person: **£279**

Seasonal

5 Days in Blackpool

Turkey & Tinsel

Departs 21/11/11 Returns 25/11/11

Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at The Belgrave Madison Hotel.

The tour will be visiting: Skipton (canal Boat Trip), Settle, Foulridge Canal Boat Trip, Hawes Christmas Market, A free day for Christmas shopping in Blackpool.

Limited number of single supplement rooms

All inclusive price per person: **£199**

Seasonal

5 Day Isle of Wight

Turkey & Tinsel

Departs 05/12/11 Returns 09/12/11

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The tour will be visiting: Day Trip around the Island, Godshill (known as the most photographed village in britain), Shanklin and Ventnor Botanic gardens, Ryde, The Waltzing Waters, Arlington Barns and Busy Bee Garden Centre and Free leisure on the island.

Limited number of Non single supplement rooms
Admission charges

price per person: **£259**

Seasonal

5 Days in St Ives

Turkey & Tinsel

Departs 12/12/11 Returns 16/12/11

Your break will begin by travelling to St. Ives and spending four nights at the Cottage hotel, situated in Corbis Bay, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

The tour will be visiting: Lands End, St Just, Penzance and a Leisure Day in St. Ives.

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Going Out Gigs

Guitar icon Preston Reed comes to the Marine Theatre

YOU may experience a strange sensation when you watch Preston Reed live for the first time. It starts with a sharp intake of breath. Seconds later, your jaw swings on its hinges, your eyes become dinner plates and your brain fizzes as it computes the musical madness being relayed by your ears. You feel light-headed, because you haven't breathed for two minutes. Don't be alarmed. These are all perfectly normal reactions to witnessing the guitar visionary of the 21st century.

Preston Reed is a one-man revolution. The 53-year-old New Yorker tweaks the nose of musical convention, pokes the eye of accepted wisdom, and burns the rulebook of the past. His unique style is impossible, unfathomable, unthinkable, as with blurred hands he taps, tickles, slaps and soothes his instrument, fusing polyrhythmic percussion with emotive melody to create a sonic landscape. Each piece is a symphonic tidal wave, yet Reed only needs one acoustic and ten fingers to send it crashing onto audiences across the planet.

Starting with 1979's *Acoustic Guitar*, a volley of thrilling albums spread Reed's reputation, and by 1988 he had signed a major deal with MCA with the help of his friend, country singer Lyle Lovett. But behind closed doors, the guitarist was frustrated. Though spellbinding by any standards, his playing had reached a plateau; his muse held in a stranglehold by the physical limitations of the instrument. Then the thunderbolt struck. Reed wiped his technique clean, stepped into the void and made his first attempt at the two-handed fretboard attack that would change his trajectory forever. Creatively and commercially, things would never be the same again.

But Preston Reed doesn't deal in nostalgia. Twenty years after he changed the face of the acoustic guitar, this trailblazer still tours and records with a passion that flows into the hearts, heads and feet of his audiences, and continues to push his musicianship to a place where other guitarists fear to tread. Nobody knows where Preston Reed's journey will take him next – not even the man himself. The one thing we know for sure is that it'll be one hell of a ride.

Preston Reed comes to the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Sunday, October 17th, starting at 8pm. Tickets cost £10, and are available from the box office on 01297 442138. For more details call 01297 442394 or visit marinetheatre.com

VIRTUOSO | Preston Reed

Going Out Art

Ilminster Big Draw

Make your mark at the Meeting House

THE Campaign for Drawing aims to get everyone drawing, but why? Drawing helps us think, invent and communicate. It shapes the appearance of our homes, clothes, transport, cities and much else.

The Campaign took its initial inspiration from the visionary Victorian artist and writer, John Ruskin. He saw drawing as a tool for observation and knowledge. The Campaign promotes it as a valuable skill for life.

Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House, Ilminster is proud to host a Big Draw Event for the first time so come along and make your mark!

Daily events (for all visitors, all ages) include:

- Sign in – place thumbprint on large sheet of paper and use to create a drawing (e.g. add wings to make a bee, draw a face, etc.)
- Doodle while you eat – drawing on lining paper 'tablecloths' while in the Cafe.
- Create a coaster – draw on a 'coaster' while in the Cafe.
- Post-its – draw on a post it and add to the 'Post-it' exhibition at The Arts Centre.
- Coasters and Place-mats – decorate your own.
- My favourite meal – draw your favourite meal on a paper plate.
- Dress-up our Dresser – decorate a cup, plate, teapot, jug or mug to display on our 'dresser'.

Daily artist led events:

Two sessions daily in the Gallery 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

• 'Do you Know what it is Yet?' • 'My house' • Speed Drawing • 'Drawing Machines'

Drawing Marathon Wednesday, October 20th

In addition to the Daily Events, there will be two sessions in the Main Hall, ideal for individuals and groups: 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

During these sessions we will recreate our town using individual drawings from 'my house' sessions and creating buildings out of boxes.

Exhibition

All drawings produced over the week will be used to create an exhibition which will be added to as the week progresses. It is planned that this will feature work from a cross section of the local community who have made their mark at The Meeting House, including local schoolchildren.

The Ilminster Big Draw takes place from Monday, October 18th to Saturday, October 23rd at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House.

THE BIG DRAW

The Campaign for Drawing
www.campaignfordrawing.org

Going Out Theatre

ORIGINAL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENT THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III

THE Original Theatre Company's performance of *The Madness of George III* marks the first touring production of the play since the original award-winning production by the National Theatre in 1991 and the subsequent hit 1994 film starring Nigel Hawthorne.

The year is 1786, George III is King of England. He has a loving wife, a nation of subjects, a loyal parliament, and the world kneels at his feet... but he's a little odd. The king's behaviour is becoming increasingly erratic, and word has it he's addressed an oak tree as the King of Prussia! Doctors are called in, parliament falters, and the Prince Regent manoeuvres himself into power. From the hand of national treasure Alan Bennett, author of The History Boys and Talking Heads, The Madness of George III is a brilliant exploration of duty and kingship, an epic play about the ties that bind us together as family, as a society and as a nation. Gripping drama, dangerous politics and irreverent comedy collide in a rollercoaster ride where the health of the nation is at the mercy of the mental health of one man.

The Madness of King George III is performed at The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil at 7.30pm from Monday, October 11th - Wednesday, October 13th.

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The procession starts at 19:25, with the Chard Goldstar Majorettes and PA van. The rest of the procession will start at 19:30.

Miss Chard (Hazel Mahoney, 20), her attendant (Amy Down, 15) and the Carnival Princess (Jessica Lacey, 10) will lead the main procession.

If anyone wishes to collect, the tins can be picked up from Crowshute House, from 17:30. There is a £20 prize for the collector in the best fancy dress. Judging for this will take place at Crowshute House at 18:30.

There are 42 entries in the procession, which is the same as last year. There are 12 floats and numerous walking entries.

This year, the main beneficiary is the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance although they will still be donating to charities and organisations in the Chard area as well. They urge people to dig deep in their pockets and support the great causes which the carnival are raising money for. If every person watching was to put in just 10p, we would be able to raise a much bigger sum of money. The carnival is a fun and enjoyable event for all the family, and it doesn't cost anything - so please dig out all your coppers and fill up the collecting tins and the collecting lorries!

Chard Carnival committee would like to thank PRS for Music who have sponsored half of our license fees. PRS for Music licences the use of copyright music across the UK, giving businesses and organisations the legal permission they need to play the music they want.

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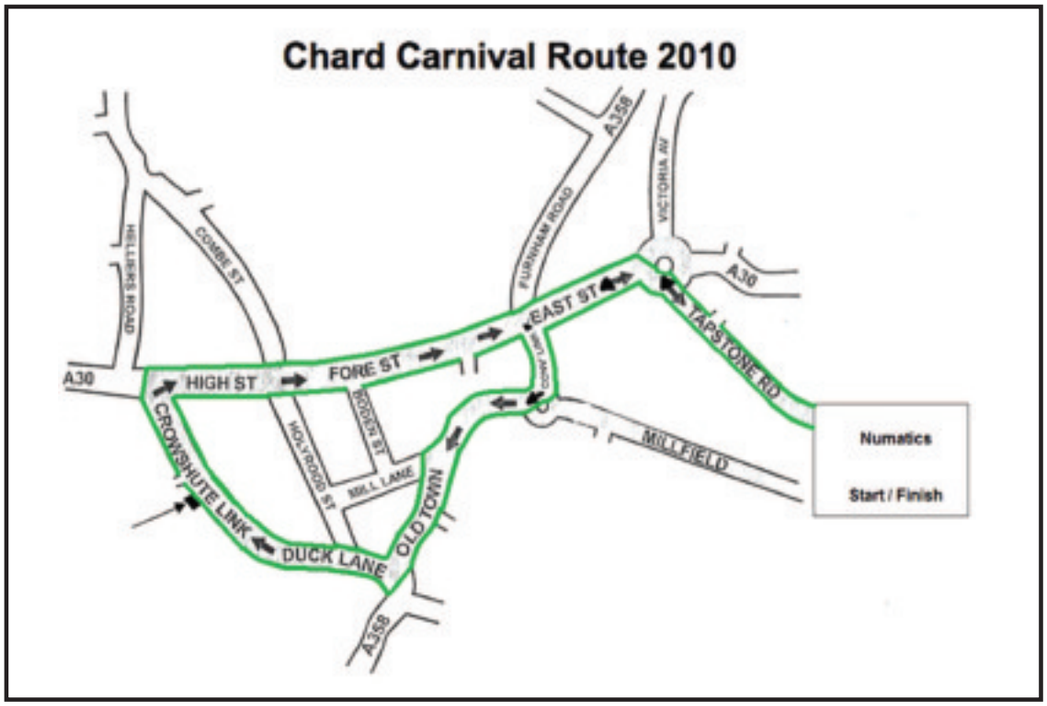

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Lotus Elise 2015: The vision

OH YES, here it is! There's still room for the Elise at Lotus but what a difference a decade or two makes. The Elise due for release in 2015 is a sexy, agile beast of a car. Finally the Elise comes of age.

Aesthetically it's definitely pleasing to the eye, it's bold directional body gives you subtle hints of the Elise of old so it still seems a touch familiar but at the same time, it couldn't be more different.

Perhaps a small example of how the car has changed would help. Aside from strong graphic styling, the practicality of the car has had a major overhaul too with sizeable improvements made to the ingress and egress – in simple terms, no more acrobatics but still all the fun you expect from the Elise.

Dany Bahar, Chief Executive Officer of Group Lotus, said: "We worked very hard on getting the Elise 2015 exactly right, it's our entry level car so it needs to give a proper introduction to the Lotus driving experience."

"The Elise you can buy now is still a fantastic car, make no mistake, Lotus remain very proud of it, but this is a natural progression for us moving forward. The Elise 2015 will also be class-leading in terms of performance and efficiency but it will do more than that it will take the Elise model to the forefront of its class across the board."

"The design of the Elise 2015 is perfect for the target market, it's young, strong, confident, verging on ruthless, it mirrors the engineering and technology. It's the next generation Elise for a new generation of Lotus drivers."

Fear not though, despite the dramatic upgrades the Elise 2015 has lost none of the cheeky charm that made the two-seater sports car famous, it still retains performance through lightweight and handles like a dream – albeit a quite aggressive and tension filled dream. With a 2.0 litre inline 4 pressure charged engine delivering up to 320 PS, the Elise 2015 should reach 0-100kph in under 4.5 seconds.

The Elise 2015, proving great things come to those who wait.

Layout:	*2 seater, mid-engined, rear wheel drive*
Engine:	*Petrol with start/stop option*
Hybrid technology:	*Mild hybrid, i.e. start/stop technology*
Cylinder:	*4*
Capacity:	*2.0 litre*
Power/Torque:	*320 PS / 330 Nm*
Rev limit:	*7,800 rpm*
0-100 km/h:	*4.3 seconds*
Top speed:	*270 km/h*
CO2 approx (CO2/km):	*150 g/km***
Weight:	*1,095 kg*
Seats:	*2*
Transmission:	*6 Speed Manual, DCT optional*
Drive:	*RWD*
Start of production:	*Early 2015*
Enters the market:	*Spring 2015*
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Toyota Verso-s: perfect packaging

TOYOTA will return to the mini-MPV (B-MPV) market in 2011 with the new Verso-S, its first contender in a segment it created itself in 1999 with the launch of Yaris Verso.

Verso-S will compete in part of the European new car market that has almost tripled in size since 2002, thanks to more motorists downsizing and seeking small cars with high levels of interior flexibility.

Design and packaging

Small, spacious and smart, the Toyota Verso-S showcases efficient space management. Although it measures less than four metres long – it is the shortest model in the European B-segment – clever packaging delivers remarkable room for both those on board and their luggage.

The exterior styling is characterised by short front and rear overhangs, sweeping coachwork lines and a (optional) large, panoramic sunroof. The cabin design focus is on excellent ergonomics and high levels of perceived quality. Soft touch materials are used on the two-tier dashboard and sculpted door panels. Crisp, brushed metal surrounds for the instrument cluster and centre console add further to the quality perception.

Within the 2,550mm wheelbase space has been maximised with features such as streamlined front seat and door and trim panel design, giving class-leading front passenger headroom, rear seat knee room and loadspace length and volume.

The hip points for front and rear seat occupants have been raised to gain good visibility and to make it easier to get in and out of the car. Driver comfort is increased with seat height adjustment, an arm rest and a gear lever placed close to the three-spoke steering wheel.

The 60:40 split rear seats have a centre arm rest and a one-touch fold-flat mechanism. Unlike any other competitor model in the mini-MPV segment, the seats can also be folded down from the boot, thanks to tilt-down levers provided on the loadspace sidewalls, within easy reach of the rear door.

The top-hinged tailgate is cut into the rear bumper, which means there is lip-free access to the loadspace. The floor incorporates a lightweight deck board which can be set at bumper level to give a flat load floor and 336-litre cargo volume, or can be lowered (a one-handed operation) to increase loadspace depth by 95mm and volume by an extra 57 litres.

The board can be removed altogether, bringing the spare wheel well into play and bringing cargo volume up to 430 litres. Fold the rear seats flat and the maximum available is 1,388 litres.

Elsewhere around the cabin there are bottle and cup holders, generously proportioned front door pockets and a versatile, three-level dashboard storage compartment.

Product news from Suzuki

Suzuki GB PLC is pleased to announce the Special Edition Alto Cruz, which goes on sale this week and will be limited to a run of 500 cars.

The Cruz is based on the popular SZ3 mid grade model with air conditioning and pollen filter as standard equipment but offers a higher specification with various exterior trim upgrades; all for £6,953 under Suzuki's extended 'VAT Free' offer.

Cruz is recognised by its stylish new design wheel caps, black side mouldings and black 'B' pillar trims as well as Cruz badging. The Special Edition model is available in either Superior White or Bright Red non metallic colours.

The Alto 'VAT free' offer has been extended until 31 December 2010 and, taking the top of the range SZ4 as an example, represents a customer saving of £1,332 with a purchase price of £7,608. Alto is also available under a PCP scheme with deposit as low as £149 for the SZ3 model, payable over three years at £149 per month and an optional final payment of £2,741.

Alto is one of the least polluting five-door City cars on the market with tailpipe emissions of just 103g/km as well as offering 64.2mpg on the EC combined cycle. Cost of ownership is also very low with an annual VED charge of £20 and insurance group 1E classification.

Suzuki's popular zero per cent finance offers have been extended until the end of the year and now include the Swift 1.6-litre Sport model. All are subject to a 50 per cent deposit and Swift Sport is available from just £177 per month, payable over three years.

For customers who do not wish to place a larger deposit and need lower monthly payments, Drive Plan PCP's are available across many models in the Suzuki range and, again taking Swift Sport as an example, costs £199 per month payable over three years with a 20 per cent deposit. This carries an interest rate of 5.4 per cent and customers are given the option of paying a final instalment or returning the car at the end of the agreement.

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STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE *reporting on the Perry Street League*

South Petherton look to extend lead as rivals clash

FIVE Perry Street League teams begin the long trek as they attempt to emulate South Petherton's superb Somerset Junior Cup triumph of last season.

On paper Misterton have the hardest task. Player-manager Jak Flatt takes his side off to take-on Westland Sports Reserves, currently unbeaten and flying high at the top of the Yeovil & District Premier Division.

Last season Missy, under Adge Diment, made it all the way to the quarter-finals before becoming one of South Petherton's victims.

After being on the receiving end of a 6-0 hiding at Merriott Rovers last weekend, Ilminster Town Reserves will be licking their wounds when they visit Bristol-based CTK Southside Reserves.

Crewkerne Town look to be perhaps best equipped to book a place in round Two despite being held by Millwey Rise in a 4-4 cracker at Henhayes on Saturday. Player-manager Nick Murphy has plenty of firepower at his disposal. New signings Barry Hayne and Paul Gold are strikers of Premier Division ability and both have begun to find the net for their new club. Maybe a tightening up at the back could see the Tigers make a charge on all fronts this season beginning with a home victory over Bath & District Division One mid-tablers Saltford Reserves.

Shepton record under threat

The other ties see Barrington entertain Barwick & Stoford in a local(ish) derby whilst Dowlish & Donyatt travel to Churchill club 70 boosted by a fine 3-2 victory over in-form Uplyme.

Just over the border Thorncombe Reserves visit Cerne Abbas - currently unbeaten and sitting atop of Dorset League Division Five - in the first round of the Dorset Minor Cup. This is an elusive trophy for PSDL teams with Halstock, winners in 1987-88, the only side to have reached the Final in the last 25-years.

In the domestic knockout competitions attention turns to the Division One Cup where Netherbury entertain Winsham United and Thorncombe welcome Lyme Regis Reserves.

The match at Netherbury could be a spicy affair in light of a bad-tempered league clash at Bakers Field just a month ago. Winsh will be wise to keep a close eye on the Hussey (Tim and Phil) brothers attack pairing - with Tim, in particular, in sharp form. But Phil Loaring's side have made a fine start to the season and go into the game on the back of four straight wins.

Thorncombe defeated Lyme Reserves in the corresponding league fixture recently and manager Gary Parsley looks to have a more or less the same side which sunk the Seasiders just two weeks ago. That day Lyme certainly struggled to cope with the threat posed by striker Stuart Packer who scored a superb hat-trick.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Back in the league Combe Reserves will be looking to break their points duck when they welcome Merriott Rovers to Slades Cross.

But the Saints will need to be wary of Scott Jennings. The striker, back in Rovers red after a spell with Ilminster, struck five times in last weekend's 6-0 demolition of his former club to move into double figures for the season.

The Saints meanwhile are floundering at the foot of the table after a run of six straight defeats, the last of which came in the form of a 6-1 drubbing by South Petherton.

League leaders Petherton, currently two points clear, entertain Perry Street at Lightgate Lane but may have one eye on proceedings at the Memorial Ground where potential title rivals Beaminster and Lyme Regis go head-to-head. Pethy go into tomorrow's match unbeaten in the last six encounters with 'the Mothers'.

DIVISION ONE: Forton Rangers, still striving to regain their top division status lost four years ago, were left clicking their heels last week as Taunton-based opponents Appletree withdrew from the Intermediate Cup.

Rangers return to action tomorrow with the visit of Norton Athletic who suffered their biggest defeat on home turf for three and a half years when they were hammered 5-1 by Winsham who have now won six in a row 'on the road'.

A huge win for Perry Street Reserves over visiting Charmouth could see Nick Govier's side takeover top spot - don't bet against it; the not-so-rocking Robins are without a win in 23 outings.

DIVISION TWO: Two of the potential Divison Two title-chasers clash at Brimgrove Lane where Shepton Beauchamp, unbeaten in the league on their home turf for a year, entertain Beaminster Reserves. With three back-to-back six goal wins the West Dorset side, already five points clear at the top of the division, are the league's form team - it all points to one of the day's most entertaining matches.

South Petherton Reserves will look to back-up an impressive 4-1 Intermediate cup win at Milverton with their first three point haul of the season as they visit Pymore.

It's a similar aim for Chard Rangers - but a tougher call - they head to the Devon/Dorset border to face Uplyme who already have an eye on division one.

Crewkerne Rangers will be fancying their chances when they welcome Forton who on current form (P3 L3) look to be in for a long season.

DIVISION THREE: Leaders Chard United, boosted by the successful step-up of several of last season's reserves, take-on Crewkerne Reserves.

Misterton will be protecting a 100 percent record when they visit Combe A.Two of the early strugglers meet at Bakers Field where Winsham entertain Lyme Bantams.

Meanwhile, Luso-Chard fresh converting three penalties in an 8-3 win over Combe A could go top with a win at Farway United.

DIVISION FOUR: Top of the table W & M Chinnock Reserves, fresh from crushing Combe B 7-2, entertain Barrington whilst Chard Rangers will be hard pushed to take a point from Waytown Hounds. Combe B will look to recover from their mauling with a trip to struggling Hawkchurch.

■ **LOOKING STRONG: Winsham United have made a good strat to their attempt to earn a return to the Premier Division. Lin-up, back row, from left; Shane Partridge, Chris Morris, John Simmons, Tim Break, Tom Symes, Tom Stead, Craig Parris, Phil Loaring (manager). Front; Dan Isaacs, Stuart Richards, Henry Broome, Jon-Paul Doyle, Darren Partridge.** *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Saturday, October 9th

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP
Round One
Barrington v Barwick & Stoford
Crewkerne Town v Saltford
Churchill Club 70 v Dowlish & Donyatt
CTK Southside v Ilminster Town Res
Westland Sports v Misterton

DORSET MINOR CUP
Round One
Cerne Abbas v Thorncombe Res

DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP
Round Two
Awliscombe v Farway United
Millwey Rise v Five Star Security

DIVISION ONE CUP
Quarter-finals
Netherbury v Winsham United
Thorncombe v Lyme Regis Res

PREMIER DIVISION
Combe Res v Merriott Rovers
Beaminster v Lyme Regis
South Petherton v Perry Street

DIVISION ONE
Forton Rangers v Norton Ath.
Perry Street Res v Charmouth

DIVISION TWO
Shepton Beauchamp v Beaminster Res
Crewkerne Rangers v Forton Rangers Res
Pymore v South Petherton Reserves
Uplyme v Chard Rangers

DIVISION THREE
Chard United v Crewkerne Town Reserves
Combe A v Misterton Reserves
Drimpton v Millwey Rise Reserves
Farway United Reserves v Luso-Chard
Winsham Utd Res v Lyme Regis Bantams

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Waytown Hounds
Hawkchurch Res v Combe B
Hinton Reserves v Chard United Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Shepton Beauchamp Res
W & M Chinnock Res v Barrington Reserves

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■ **RADSTOCK BOUND: Barry Kench and South Petherton Reserves**

Intermediate Cup: Last 64 draw

THERE are seven PSDL teams left in the last 64 of the Somerset Junior Cup.

The Reserve teams from Crewkerne Town and South Petherton are on the road at Staplegrove Reserves and Radstock Town 3rds respectively.

◆ PSDL teams; Barrington Reserves v Baltonsborough Reserves, Winsham United v Westfield 3rds, Forton Rangers v Civil Service (Taunton), Combe A v Fry Club 4ths, Ilminster Town Colts v Whitchurch Reserves, Staplegrove Reserves v Crewkerne Town Reserves, Radstock Town 3rds v South Petherton Reserves. Ties to be played on November 6th

On the Mark

REFEREE Mark Macey quite correctly stood by the letter of the law on Saturday at West & Middle Chinnock when he refused to allow Lyme Regis' Dave Robinson back onto the field after the midfielder found he couldn't remove an earring.

Robinson attmpted to 'tape-up' the offending item but referee Macey would have none of it and Lyme manager Robin Townsend was forced to introduce substitute Danny Thirlwell after just 15 minutes play.

Good to see an official enforce a law in such a calm and efficient manner - there were no complaints from Lyme.

John Fowler Cup

THE 11th hour withdrawl of Fivehead United has certainly benefitted Drimpton.

As a result of the depleted division, just 10 teams, the Greens have been handed free passage through to the semi-final stage of the 38th John Fowler Cup competition. Meanwhile last season's runners-up, Crewkerne Res, who lost the local-derby final to Crewkerne Rangers 5-2, have been drawn away at Misterton Res in the quarters..

◆ Full draw: Luso-Chard v Millwey Rise Reserves, Misterton Res v Crewkerne Res, Chard Utd v Winsham Res, Drimpton - bye.

Congratulations

BELATED congratulations go the Luso-Chard's player-treasurer Luis Mesquita and club secretary Lucia Vavrikova who were married on September 18th - Parabéns!

Street stat watch

◆ CREWKERNE Rangers have scored in every single home match since they were formed at the start of the 2007-08 season - 28 matches. Consistency.

◆ Chard Rangers Reserves on the other hand have yet to keep a clean sheet in 36 matches since the Bill Bailey Cup Final at Beaminster against Luso-Chard 18 months ago. Leaky

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Weekender Sport puts Thorncombe FC's manager Gary Parsley ... ON THE SPOT - see page 31

RUGBY REVIEW

Chard face crunch match

By **Keith Jenkin**

IT is generally believed that any club that aspires to a promotion place needs strength in depth throughout its squad, and CHARD certainly possesses that at the moment. This was amply demonstrated on Saturday last when, in spite of injuries to five front line players, they ran out winners pretty comfortably in the end.

They are one of the stand-out sides in the Somerset Premier League currently, and they face the other, HORNETS at Weston super Mare tomorrow, Saturday, for a game that could be pivotal to their whole season for, while the Denning Field brigade have won all four of their league encounter to date, and gathered in a couple of bonus points along the way, their opponents too have a one hundred per cent record and have a full house of bonus points also, and thus lead the table.

The encounter tomorrow, therefore, is certainly one to savour and, with one or two of their walking wounded, including influential skipper Mark Parsons, returning to the side, Chard will certainly travel with confidence. Iíll bet the quality of the spectacle will make the journey seem worthwhile.

CREWKERNE knew at the commencement of their campaign that life would not be easy, for they had lost one or two influential players, and had no immediate replacements on hand. Sensibly to my mind, they went back to basics, concentrated on fitness and doing the simple basic things well, and were rewarded with their first win on Saturday last when they bested North Petherton seconds.

They have a real opportunity to make it "two from two" when they travel over the hill to Yeovil to take on the Ivel Barbarians second string, a side who have not enjoyed the best of starts to their current league campaign. Crewkerne will, like Chard, travel with confidence and, with Mosley buzzing about in midfield, Godfrey kicking, well, both from hand and tee and Chris Wall finishing effectively, I do take Luke Hill and his men to win this local derby.

As to the second sides, in spite of the injury list of the first team squad reverberating downwards the Chard second side managed a win and now sit at the top of the Somerset League Division Two (South). They take on Martock, one of the lesser lights of the division, at the Dening Field tomorrow and, if they mind their trade, will certainly end the day with a bonus point win under their belts.

In fact I believe that their worst enemy will be complacency. The club's injury list impacted on the third side (as it always does) last weekend. They travelled with the bare 15, were hit by injuries during the game and ended the day with 12 bodies on the field, losing comfortably as a consequence. They have a chance to come out on top on Saturday with the visit of Wellington thirds and I take them to do just that.

◆ **FIXTURES 9th October**

Chard v Hornets (away); Chard 2nd v Martock; Chard 3rd v Wellington 3rd; Crewkerne v Ivel Barbarians 2nd (away).

Windwhistle aid for Indian school

SPORTS BRIEFING...

A CHARITY fundraising event at Holyrood Academy along with a cheque presentation raised from this year's "Chennai Challenge" - a two-day golfing event held earlier in the year at the Windwhistle Golf Club resulted in a £440 boost for an Indian school.

The event was put together by local businessman and golf club member Pete Hamilton-Walsh. The money raised from the event will go towards supplying artificial limbs to the orphans and children at the Green Valley School in Chennai, India.

The school has had links to Holyrood Academy for several years and has raised thousands of pounds for good causes. Hamilton-Walsh is hoping to have the golfing event firmly etched into the golfing calender and hopes to try and beat this years amount raised. He would also like to thank all those who took part in the competition for their support in raising this money. Also a special thanks must go to the Windwhistle club for allowing this event to take place.

The cheque was presented by Pete Hamilton-Walsh along with current vice-captain and next year's club captain Paul Fenton. It was received by Ms Pauline Lamond who is a year head at Holyrood and will be part of a team taking pupils from the chard academy to India to visit Green Valley School later this year.

Also pictured is the director of Green valley school Anjeline Dharmaraj.

■ **HELPING OUT** | Pete Hamilton-Walsh, Anjeline Dharmaraj, Paul Fenton and Pauline Lamond

FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

Selection dilemma for Blues' Manley

By **Howard Larcombe**

CHARD TOWN, fresh from a Sam Clark inspired morale-boosting 3-1 win over Roman Glass St George last weekend Chard Town travel to south Gloucestershire tomorrow to take on Almondsbury UWE. The 20-year-old striker took his his season's tally to seven with a fine hat-trick.

The win over the Roman's was enouth to lift Chard off the foot of the Toolstation Division One table - pity the match was watched by a season's lowest attendance of just 63.

Ahead of tomorrow's match manager Glynn Shaw told ***Weekender Sport*** that he was hopeful of naming an unchanged side for the visit of the Almondsbury students. He said: "It's only Thursday, but things look ok. Will Gardner is still out for with his hamstring but other than that it's a full squad."

"It's difficult to predict what problems Almondsbury will present. They held Merthyr 2-2 but lost to Shepton Mallett recently - being a university side they have players coming and going all the time but are sure to be young and fit and in our faces."

Meanwhile, Tuesday's Somerset Premier cup tie with Taunton Town was postponed due to the Peacocks' FA Trophy replay at Hungerford Town.

The Robins Reserves maintained their 100 percent start to the Devon and Exeter League Division One campaign with a 4-0 win at Crescent. Gareth Fooks scored twice for Darren Stewart's side who completed an early league double but have no fixture this weekend.

■ **ILMINSTER TOWN** will look to bounce back from last weekend's disappointing 2-0 home reverse to Frome Collegians, who as a result of Burnham only drawing at Saltford moved to the top of the Somerset League Division One table.

Manager Darren Manley has some selection decisions to make ahead of tomorrow's visit by Weston St Johns.

Rob Webb is definitely out. The defender strained a hamstring and could be missing for up to three weeks and goalkeeper Chris May is still nursing a broken finger.

But Chris Nezianya returns after being unavailable through work commitments. Charlie Rutter and Jake Woodard are back in contention after missing Saturday's match.

■ **SIDELINED** | Ilminster defender Rob Webb

■ **PLAYING ON** | Saints' keeper Jason Hutchings

Manley also confirmed there was some movement on the long-term injury front,saying: "Alex Paul (hamstring) is still a month away but it was a nice surprise to see Ian Masters (knee ligaments) turn up at training - we weren't expecting him back for a while yet."

Sam Maxwell returns for next week's fixture following a period sidelined through suspension.

■ **COMBE St NICHOLAS** moved up to fifth in the Somerset League Division Two (West) with an impressive 3-0 win at third placed Yatton Athletic.

Manager Ivor Hutchings gave a debut to Dan Collins , his latest product from the Avishayes-Combe youth teams, and the young striker made an immedite impact openning the scoring in the 40th minute. Adam Tovey made up for a missed penalty by adding number two before Scott Wells-Burr did have some joy with the second spot-kick of the afternoon.

Tomorrow the Saints turn their attention to the Somerset League Cup and a first round tie at Cutters Friday Reserves, currently lying ninth in the Division Two (East).

Hutchings was hopeful of being able to name an unchanged side for the first time this season. He said: "Jason (Hutchings) played in goal on Saturday despite his shoulder still not being 100 per cent and he will do the same at the weekend, so fingers crossed I can name the same starting eleven."

Meanwhile Combe striker Andrew Stevenson is making progress in his comeback from a long injury lay-off. The rangy striker scored a hat-trick for Forton Rangers Reserves in a 3-3 draw with Pymore in Division Two of the Perry Street League.

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Crewkerne Skittles League

Division One	Pld	Pts
The Fryers	2	20
King Willy Dogs	2	20
Super Sexy Six	2	15
Coachmen	2	14
Headhunter	2	12
Lost Boys	2	12
Sports 92	2	11
Muddled Men	2	11
Royal Oak Drimpton	2	11
Disney	2	10
Swan Fokkers	2	4
Rollers	2	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Pinbusters	2	21
Nomads	2	19
Football Club	2	13
Skimmers	2	13
Swan Cobs	2	12
Concorde	2	12
Rug Rats	2	11
Loud & Proud	2	11
Coombe Boys	2	11
Willy Low Flyers	2	11
Kings Head B	2	6
Brewers Bees	2	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Numpties	2	22
Contwistadors	2	20
Chis Colts	2	20
Royal Oak A	2	18
Dinnington Astros	2	18
Perrott Monkeys	2	12
Motley Crew	2	12
Con Club Legends	2	5
Sandbaggers	2	5
Swan Fixers	2	3
Hung Like Horses	2	3
Muppets	2	0

Jump racing at Wincanton

JUMP racing returns this month and Wincanton Racecourse is ready for action. For the 2010–2011 season Wincanton will host 17 jumping fixtures and retain its strong weekend schedule.

Racing starts on October 14th, the first of six jump racing fixtures, swiftly followed by the immensely popular Charity Raceday on Sunday, October 24th with proceeds going towards St Margaret Hospice and Verrington Hospital. There's jump racing as well on two afternoons in November. The feature event being the prestigious £200,000 Badger Ales Chase Day on Saturday, November 6th, while on November 18th the course will host a Sportsman themed luncheon. December arrives with Christmas Party Day on Thursday 2nd and before the end of 2010 when a 12,000 strong crowd is expected at Wincanton Racecourse for the Boxing Day bonanza.

Steven Clarke, Wincanton's Managing Director, commented: "We have had a very proactive summer and are ready for some quality jump racing. Across the season, my team will implement a diverse commercial campaign and will reveal a new signing at our first fixture! (Oct 14th) We very much look forward to welcoming back our loyal racegoers, while attracting newcomers to the joys of horseracing."

Adult admission on racedays is from £6 - £18 with a 10% discount off for advance purchases on 0844 5793014 or book online: www.wincantonracecourse.co.uk (accompanied under 17's gain free entry.) Wincanton's feature days include the BADGER ALES CHASE DAY (Nov), BOXING DAY (Dec). BATHWICK TYRES KINGWELL HURDLE DAY (Feb) and MUSIC EVENING MEETING (May) – tickets for these events range from £8 - £23.

Throughout the season, Wincanton's Kingwell Restaurant will be serving two-course and three-courses luncheons from £45.66. This facility offers panoramic views of the Paddock and Winners Enclosure with a balcony viewing point.

The panoramic Winning Post Restaurant, with stunning Somerset views of the track, serves three-course luncheon with afternoon tea for £75 per person. Hospitality bookings can be made via the Racecourse office on 01963 32344.

Bowls round-up

■ **DONYATT**: THE indoor season continues at Donyatt Bowling club with a six rink mixed friendly at home against ISCA (Exeter) starting at 2.15pm.

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Breathing space for Skiverton

RUMOURS were circulating before last week's midweek match with Southampton that manager Terry Skiverton's job was on the line had his side not performed better than the shocking debacle against Exeter the previous Saturday.

Although they only secured a point, which because of other results on the night saw them slip into the relegation zone, it was a much improved display and they followed it up with a good win at fellow strugglers Walsall on Saturday.

However, the warning signals are there for the former skipper and central defender that more is expected by the board of directors, and that they don't want a third season of fighting the drop which was only resolved in the final couple of games.

The poor home performances have badly hit the attendances, the supporters showing their disapproval by staying away, and a good run is badly needed to bring the fans back.

Skiverton is clearly struggling in his first management job and desperately needs guidance from an experienced mentor to help him, and whilst the vocal, sometimes too vocal, support and arm waving of his assistant Nathan Jones compensates for his passive touchline manner. It's all very well for the two young guns to beat their chest and claim that they will do it their way when they were appointed, but surely the time has come when he needs help?

It is interesting that a much more experienced, but young manager like Aidy Boothroyd had the well respected and experienced John Ward, who managed Wolves among his list of clubs, as his assistant when he visited Huish with Colchester United two seasons ago.

A previous rumour rumbling around the club a few weeks ago was that the board were contemplating doing a similar thing. Maybe they need to spend that extra money now to ensure they survive.

Four new appointments at Huish Park

◆ **YEOVIL** Town have appointed two new directors to the board. David Lee is a practising solicitor employed by Augusta Westlands and is an avid Glovers supporter. He is a founder director and trustee of Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust which was formed in 2007.

Originally from Bolton, he is naturally a Trotters fan and has played, coached and managed at a senior level. He moved to the Yeovil area in 1980.

Originally a director of the club in the mid-nineties, Andy Rossiter returns to the board after a ten year absence. He has run a successful business in Yeovil for over 30 years and is particularly interested in the youth development programme which is now underway, having previously coached and managed junior teams.

◆ **FORMER** Blackpool coach Mick Bennett has been appointed as manager of the Yeovil Town Centre of Excellence. Mick (47) previously spent nine years with Sam Allardyce at Bolton Wanderers academy. His former left back's playing career included Bolton, Wolves, Cambridge United, Preston North End and Carlisle United.

At the same time Scott Green has been officially confirmed as Head of Youth, having taken temporary charge from Mo Hopkins in March this year.

The club would like to welcome Mick to his new position, whilst putting on record their thanks to Mo for his hard work and send their best wishes.

Swimming

CHARD and District Swimmers recently competed in their fourth club gala of the year held at the Flamingo Pool, in Axminster *writes Steph Hallam*.

Charlie Kendall (35.92) and Iain Ross (35.57) both obtained their Silver Speed Badges in the boys 50m freestyle event and Louis Fendall achieved his Bronze Speed Badge in the 25m Novice freestyle event with a time of 19.54.

The 14 year & under club record in the boys 100m Butterfly was broken yet again by Jake Hallam, 14, in a time of 1:03.07.

Luke van den Barselaar, Tessa Down, Elsie Emery, Jamie Pullinger and Lewis Pearson won every event in their respective age groups.

Top three medals were rewarded to:

8 yrs & under: Boys - 25m Butterfly: 1.Michael Moulding, 2. Leo Bonning, 3. Oscar Rens. 25m Freestyle: 1. Michael Moulding, 2. Leo Bonning, 3. Oscar Rens.

Girls: 25m Breaststroke: 1.Helen Underwood 2. Daisy Brett. 3. Lauren Burrough. 25m Backstroke: 1.Daisy Brett. 2. Jasmine Wellman 3. Helen Underwood.

Boys/Girls (9 & under) 25m Novice Freestyle: 1. Lewis Fendall. 2. Michael Moulding, 3. Leo Bonning. 1. Jessica Patch. 2. Flora Hopkinson. 3. Aline Arnold.

Boys/Girls 50m Novice Freestyle: 1. Iain Ross, 2. Charlie Kendall. 3. Joshua Bolton. 1. Hope Horsfield. 2. Abigail Bonning. 3. Bea Brett.

Boys 200m Backstroke: Open: 1. Luke van den Barselaar, 2. James Rutherford. 3. Adam Speake. 13/14 yrs: 1. Jake Hallam. 2. Ben Fowler. 3. Daniel Walker. 12 yrs: 1. Jamie Pullinger. 2. Oliver Bilbie. 3. Paul Harrison. 11 yrs: 1. Lewis Pearson. 2. Iain Ross. 10 yrs: 1. Charlie Kendall. 2. Ryan Adair. 9 yrs: 1. Leo Kindred. 2. Henry Taswell.

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Girls 100m Individual Medley: Open: 1.Madeline Ryder. 2. Hannah Pullinger. 3. Beckie Rutherford. 13/14 yrs: 1. Tessa Down. 2. Abigail Dare. 3. Jodie Hake. 12 yrs: 1.Elsie Emery. 2. Lauren van den Barselaar. 3. Chloe Bryant. 11 yrs: 1. Elisha Hawkins. 2. Susan Ross. 3. Marsha Emery. 10 yrs: 1. Bea Brett. 2. Tamsin Edge. 3. Abigail Bonning. 9 yrs: 1. Jessica Patch. 2. Aline Arnold. 3. Flora Hopkinson.

Girls 200m Butterfly: Open: 1. Laura Coombs. 13/14 yrs: 1. Billie-Jo Dance. 2. Lauren Harrison. 3. Melissa Hanson. 12 yrs: 1. Elsie Emery. 2. Daniella Edge. 11 yrs: 1. Elisha Hawkins. 2. Susan Ross. 10 yrs: 1. Bea Brett.

Girls 100m Breaststroke: Open: 1. Hannah Pullinger. 2. Maddie Barber. 3. Naomi Speake. 13/14 yrs: 1. Tessa Down. 2. Jessica Mathieson. 3. Abigail Dare. 12 yrs: 1. Elsie Emery. 2. Chloe Bryant. 3. Lauren van den Barselaar. 11 yrs: 1. Elisha Hawkins. 2. Marsha Emery. 3. Susan Ross. 10 yrs: 1. Tamsin Edge.

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■ **TOP PERFORMERS | Swimmers of the Month title for August was awarded to Abigail Bonning and Jamie Pullinger. The RANX system was used to measure their progress.**

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■ **COMBE St NICHOLAS FOOTBALL CLUB 50th ANNIVERSARY**

Combe St Nicholas FC are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their reformation back in 1960.

Past players are invited to attend a meal at the Square & Compass, Ashill on Saturday, October 23rd.

Club chairman/first team manager Ivor Hutchings said of the event: "This will be a great chance to meet up with old friends and team mates. "Tickets are selling fast, we've heard from several of the players from 60s already, so please be quick."

Tickets (£15) and further information cam be obtained from Ivor Hutchings on 01460 234396 or 07737 827924.

In addition the Slades Cross club are also making preparations for their annual Halloween and Firework night party on Saturday, October 30th.

■ **CREWKERNE CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

Crewkerne CC will be holding their AGM at the White Hart Public House in Crewkerne at 1930 on Sunday 10th October.

All existing players and anyone else who would like to be involved in the club in any capacity are more than welcome to attend.

For further information contact Club Chairman Geoff Carr (01460) 72343, Club Captain Ashley Lawrence 07595 621091 or Club Secretary Hamish Hodder 07890 176474 or alternatively contact the club by email at info@crewkernecricketclub.org.uk.

ON THE SPOT...

***WEEKENDER SPORT* PUTS *GARY PARSLEY,* CURRENTLY CELEBRATING 10-YEARS AS-MANAGER OF PSDL DIVISION ONE SIDE THORNCOMBE FC , UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT**

Q How long have you been associated with Thorncombe FC?

A I joined as a reserve team player in 1998 under the then manager Stuart Sweet. I became joint reserve team player-manager a year later before taking over the role of club manager in 2000.

Q Who are the three best players you've played alongside?

A **Andrew Tyne:** A top class midfielder-who dominated the centre of the park.

'Geno': Not sure of his real name - but he was a defender at Shepton Beauchamp when I played there - a absolute animal of a tackler!

Ian Brister: Mr Shepton Beauchamp - he got me back playing when I had been away from the game - I learnt a lot from him both on and off the pitch.

Q What are your hopes for the club this season?

A Some silverware for the first team! We won the Dorset Junior Cup back in 2008 but nothing else since the Division Two championship trophy back in 2005-06.

Q Who are your tips for the top and bottom two in Perry Street League Division One this season?

A Top: Would like to say us - but poor start - Crewkerne and Netherbury. Bottom: Too tight to call.

Q Name some young 'Thorns' we should look out for in the future.

A Dan Winter and Bradley Cleal.

Q How would you improve things at Horseshoe Lane?

A Move it closer to Chard! Seriously , that's a tough one - we already have the best facilities in the league - two superb pitches.

NEXT WEEK: PSDL secretary Bob Brunt.

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